



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Eric Labarriere et al.
Serial No.: 10/584,165 Confirmation No.: 4739
Filed: June 22, 2006
For: TERMINAL END-PIECE FOR A FUEL ASSEMBLY
HAVING AN ARRANGEMENT FOR MAINTAINING
THE ENDS OF RODS AND CORRESPONDING
ASSEMBLY
Art Unit: 3663
Examiner: Ricardo J. Palabrica
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 13, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.